Registration of titles of newspapers

738. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of titles registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India (RNI), language-wise and category-wise;

(b) the number of titles pending for registration, language-wise;

(c) whether all the registered titles are in ciruclation as of now; and

(d) the reasons for maintaining the registered titles as confidential?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The number of titles registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) as on 31.03.2005 is 60,374. The language-wise and periodicity-wise details are given in Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) There are 7367 titles, pending as on 25.07.2005 for registration for want of required documents. Language-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) RNI does not maintain any record on the status of circulation of titles registered with them. However, all the newspapers/periodicals are required to file an Annual Statement to the Press Registrar. Out of 60,374 registered titles as on 31.03.2005, 5591 newspapers have submitted their annual statements for the year 2003-04.

(d) The registered titles are not kept confidential. The titles of newspapers/ periodicals registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India are available on its web-site (www.rni.in).

Statement-I

Total number of registered Newspapers as on 31.3.2005

(Language & Periodicity wise)

Language	Dailies	Tri-Bi-Weeklies	Weeklies	Fort-nightlies	Monthlies	Bimonthlies/ Quarterlies	Half-yearly	Annuals	Total
Assamese	27	3	84	41	73	13	11	1	253
Bengali	116	16	672	618	782	533	221	26	2984
Bilingual	107	21	835	477	1697	467	205	53	3862

Language	Dailies	Tri-Weeklies	Weeklies	Fort-nightlies	Monthlies	Quarterlies	Bimonthlies/ Half-Yearly	Annuals	Total
English	481	37	1193	855	3513	1491	986	222	8778
Gujarati	186	15	1283	263	707	76	56	15	2601
Hindi	2912	128	11414	3567	4734	892	280	53	24000
Kannada	428	6	487	352	863	64	31	4	2235
Kashmiri	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Konkani	1	0	3	1	6	2	0	0	13
Malayalam	242	7	194	177	933	73	42	16	1684
Manipuri	17	0	7	5	11	7	5	0	52
Marathi	469	22	1576	285	697	141	56	134	3380
Mutilingual	20	5	142	82	305	76	41	15	686
Nepali	5	2	29	7	14	18	11	0	86
Oriya	93	3	198	110	335	100	24	4	867
Others	58	16	86	33	132	56	18	1	400
Punjabi	110	15	389	110	314	41	20	1	1000
Sanskrit	4	0	9	6	18	18	6	0	61
Sindhi	13	0	40	11	39	10	2	0	115
Tamil	375	43	434	291	1267	44	32	10	2496
Telugu	282	4	327	273	791	39	23	2	1741
Urdu	583	21	1391	395	587	80	19	3	3079
Total	6529	364	20814	7959	17818	4241	2089	560	60374

Statement-II

Language-wise number of titles pending for Registration, as on 25.7.2005

Sl.No.	Language	No. of titles pending for registration
1.	English	1020
2.	Hindi	2342
3.	Assamese	44
4.	Bengali	226
5.	Gujarati	375
6.	Kannada	619

Sl.No.	Language	No. of titles pending for registration
7.	Kashmiri	2
8.	Konkani	3
9.	Malayalam	572
10.	Manipuri	8
11.	Marathi	709
12.	Nepali	15
13.	Oriya	229
14.	Punjabi	43
15.	Sanskrit	4
16.	Sindhi	4
17.	Tamil	185
18.	Telugu	315
19.	Urdu	146
20.	Bilingual	376
21.	Multi-lingual	108
22.	Others	22
	TOTAL	7367

FM radio stations

739. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2083 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 2005 and state:

(a) the number of FM radio stations proposed to be auctioned in the second phase and the number of cities going to be covered;

(b) whether any move has been made to establish a regulatory authority to oversight the obscenity in TV chennels; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in establishing the authority?